Viper7 is January’s Xbox Ambassador of the Month!

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We’ve got a new Ambassador of the Month and Community Champion – Viper7! Viper7 is a longtime member of our community, a Play Host on the XA Twitch channel, and an advocate for accessibility in gaming. He was featured last Season on a recent community panel for National Disability Employment Awareness Month where he shared some of his experiences as a gamer with muscular dystrophy. He co-hosts a weekly show on the XA Twitch channel called Sunday Sports and can be found hanging out in various XA social spaces as well. Read on below for a Q&A with Viper7, and tell him congrats when you see him around!

Q&A

How did gaming become one of your passions?

It all started with pong and the Atari 2600. Then Pac-Man, Mario Cart, Gran Turismo, and Hydro Thunder. Then in 2001, I got my Xbox with Halo, that’s when I really knew video games were going to be a huge part of my life. Xbox Live and those Achievements. The Xbox Adaptive Controller. It just keeps getting better and better!

What’s your favorite video game or franchise, and why?

Forza is my favorite video game franchise. I’ve always loved racing games. Forza has so much content and accessibility features with amazing visuals. Having great simulation racing in Forza Motorsport and the open world racing in Forza Horizon make for amazing fun and freedom. I love seeing

photos in-game and am amazed at how real they look. I love Forza Horizon 5 and am excited for the next Forza Motorsport.

Sports games are one of my favorite genres. With NHL and FIFA being my favorites.

Oh yeah, I can’t forget Halo CE. This was the first Xbox game I have ever played, and I instantly fell in love with Xbox. I loved the FPS experience with the dual stick controls.

Do you have a favorite Xbox Ambassadors memory that you’d like to share?

There are so many. But one of my favorite memories was when we met some gamers on Xbox Live while playing Call of Duty and we played pretty much every weekend with them. I thought it would be cool to meet up in Las Vegas at the Consumer Electronics Show. We came from Washington, California, Nevada, Colorado and Michigan. That was an amazing experience finally meeting up with them and matching the voice to the person.

For you, what's the most important line of the Xbox Ambassador Pledge and why?

I would have to say, "Make gaming fun for everyone". That's what gaming is all about. Having fun and playing with other gamers out there in this great community. Be nice to everyone weather you win or lose.

What does a healthy community mean to you?

A healthy community to me is one that is welcoming and includes everyone, being kind and offering support. Where everyone just gets along and engages in a positive manner.

How do you think online communities positively impact the lives of gamers?

Being able to connect with people all around the world helps you find so many gamers that share the same interests and play the same games as you. You end up making lifelong friends along the way with many great gaming experiences.

What do you like to do outside of gaming?

I love technology and learning about the latest and greatest tech. 3D printing is one of my favorite hobbies that allows me to create and print some cool things. I even stream some of my 3D print projects from designing to printing. One of my favorite things to 3D print are custom coasters I have made for friends.

As Ambassador of the Month, what message do you have for other members of the Xbox Ambassadors community?

I am proud to be a part of this amazing community. Keep on doing what you do and let everyone know that gaming is for everyone. I have met so many

amazing people from the Ambassadors program. Let’s keep this great community growing.

Is there anything else you’d like to share with the community as part of your spotlight?

I’d like to emphasize on making gaming fun for everyone. Don’t let a disability or anything get in your way of having a fun gaming experience. I am not as good at first person shooters because my hands don’t work like they used to. I found other games like Forza Horizon 5 that make gaming fun and have lots of accessibility options. I am excited for more and more games becoming accessible to everyone.

More Viper7 Content

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- http://Viper7Gamer.com
- https://twitch.tv/Viper7Gamer
- https://twitter.com/Viper7Gamer
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsDr2PMCZcmuhukAedVZxdA

Nominate a Community Champion

Do you know someone who would make a great Ambassador of the Month and/or Community Champion? Let us know who they are and why they deserve to be spotlighted at this link.